STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

Return to: Secretary of State, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5077

1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER		2. DATE OF FILING
Freeman Courier		
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE
Weekly	52	41.00 *

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)

PO Box 950, Freeman SD 57029-0950

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers)

PO Box 950, Freeman SD 57029-0950

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER:

Timothy L Waltner

* includes tax

7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.

FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
Second Century Publishing Inc.	PO Box 950 Freeman SD 57029

8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.

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9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	1892	1875
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	149	151
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	1678	1651
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	1827	1802
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION 1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	13	11
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES	13	13
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	1853	1826
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	39	49
2. Return from News Agents		
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 – Should equal net press run shown in A)	1892	1875

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER

I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

T L Waltner

State of South Dakota)

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County of Hutchinson)

(Seal)

Sworn to before me this 25th day of September, 2003

Notary Public

My commission expires 10-6-06

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